the District Medical Officers from giving sufficient attention to the main work of attending to the patients and the efficient running of the hospitals; and

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to appoint additional special staff to the headquarters hospital in all the districts for attending to the said work and to assist the District Medical Officers in their general supervision work?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) No, Sir."

Number of nurses trained during the years 1952–53 and 1953–54.

* 104 Q.—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of nurses who have been trained during the years 1952–53 and 1953–54; and

(b) the number of trained nurses who have been appointed during that period?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) 1952 .. 161

1953	226
1954 (up to the end of June 1954)	100
" (b) 1952	58
1953	137
1954 (up to the end of June 1954)	76 "

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" Sir, will the Government see that the further training of nurses is stopped till all the trained nurses are appointed? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, from time to time, additional posts of nurses are being sanctioned."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Sir, how many of these are male nurses? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Men nurses form only a small proportion."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Sir, if these trained nurses remain without employment, will they not be troubling the Hon. Minister with their deputations? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, they will be troubling the Ministers as well as the hon. Members also."

Veto by the Health Minister of the resolutions of the Public Health Board.

* 105 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there are any instances in which he as the Minister has vetoed the resolutions of the Board of Public Health passed under his chairmanship?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government give due consideration to the resolutions of the Public Health Board and take such action as is possible. Thus there is no question of veto by the Health Minister of any resolution of the Public Health Board."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know what are the functions of the Public Health Board and whether the Government are expected to give effect to the decisions of the Board? " 2-50 p.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The function of the Public Health Board is to advise the Government on such matters as are referred to it by the Government."

Creation of the post of Honorary Secretary to the State Legislature.

* 106 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the post of the Honorary Secretary to the State Legislature was created, for what period and on what pay and the need for such honorary post;

(*b*) the duties and functions assigned to the Honorary Secretary to the State Legislature; and

(*c*) whether any service rules have been framed for the post and, if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay a copy of the rules on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The post was created for a period of one year with effect from 24th April 1954 with an honorarium of Rs. 500 per mensem. This was done in the interest of the administration of the Legislature Secretariat on the advice of the Speaker and the Chairman.

" (*b*) Same as those of the Secretary to the State Legislature.

" (*c*) No, Sir."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know whether the post of the Honorary Secretary to the State Legislature will be abolished when the present incumbent vacates the post? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is, after one year, it will be considered."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" As this system of appointing an Honorary Secretary in the Legislature has worked well, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether he will adopt this system of appointing Honorary Secretaries in other departments of the Government also? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This is a peculiar case where they did not have the necessary trained person to be appointed as Secretary. That is why, an Honorary Secretary has been appointed."